(b) the number of children studying in various classes in ICSE and CBSE syllabus in Karnataka; and

(c) the number of schools which have been given permission to start ICSE and CBSE syllabus in Karnataka during 2003-2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) As per the information obtained from Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), there are 87 schools affiliated to CISCE and 142 schools affiliated to CBSE in Karnataka.

(b) The number of children studying in CISCE affiliated schools in various classes in Karnataka is approximately 45,000. The number of students who appeared in the class X & XII examination in March, 2003 of the CBSE were 10,639.

(c) During 2003-04, CISCE and CBSE have given affiliation to 5 & 6 school respectively till date.

Female literacy in J&K

639. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the female literacy in Jammu & Kashmir compared to other States for the last three years:

(b) whether funds have been granted to Jammu & Kashmir for starting vocational courses to increase female literacy in the State; and

(c) if so, the amount released for the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The female literacy rate in Jammu and Kashmir, as per Census 2001, is 41.82%. The State-wise female literacy rate, as per Census 2001, is given in the enclosed Statement . (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Under the Scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan, an amount of Rs. 8 lakhs has been sanctioned in 2003-04 to Jan Shikshan Sansthan, Jammu for vocational development of neo-literates/semi-literates. Most of the beneficiaries are women.

Statement

Female Literacy Rate as per Census 2001

S.No.	States/UTs	Percent
1.	Andhra Pradesh	51.17
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	44.24
3.	Assam	56.03
4.	Bihar	33.57
5.	Chhattisgarh	52.40
6.	Goa	75.51
7.	Gujarat	58.60
8.	Haryana	56.31
9.	Himachal Pradesh	68.08
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	41.82
11.	Jharkhand	39.38
12.	Karnataka	57.45
13.	Kerala	87.86
14.	Madhya Pradesh	50.28
15.	Maharashtra	67.51
16.	Manipur	59.70
17.	Meghalaya	60.41
18.	Mizoram	86.13
19.	Nagaland	61.92
20.	Orissa	50.97

S.No.	States/UTs	Percent
21.	Punjab	63.55
22.	Rajasthan	44.34
23.	Sikkim	61.46
24.	Tamil Nadu	64.55
25.	Tripura	65.41
26.	Uttar Pradesh	42.98
27.	Uttaranchal	60.26
28.	West Bengal	60.22
29.	Chandigarh	76.55
30.	Delhi	75.00
31.	Pondicherry	74.13
32.	Daman & Diu	70.37
33.	A & N Islands	75.29
34.	D & N Haveli	42.99
35.	Lakshadweep	81.56
	INDIA	54.28

Guidelines for functioning of foreign universities

640. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn a set of guidelines/regulations governing the functioning of foreign universities operating in the country;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any investigation on the bonafides of such universities and if so, in how many cases the course content and the institution's background have been found to be suspect; and

(c) whether the accreditation with the regulatory body would require a credibility certificate of guarantee from the home Government of such universities?